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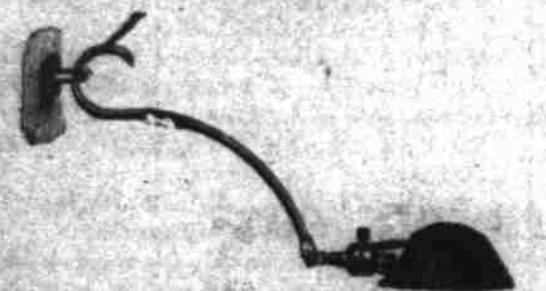
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Dr. Dawson of London has found that certain Eskimau tribes have extra vertebrae in their spines which may account for the skill in handling their canoes.

EUGENICS IS DEEP STUDY AVERS DR. E. V. WILCOX

By DR. E. V. WILCOX.

Agent in charge of the federal experiment station.

Eugenics is said to be the science of breeding a superior human race. Nietzsche, Shaw and other "wise men" have heralded the transcendent story of the coming "superman." Biologists have asserted that the human race is to be "improved" by applying the principles of heredity which are used in breeding plants and animals. Each writer seems to outdo all before him in extravagant assertions as to what can be accomplished.

Just how are the principles of plant breeding to be applied to man? The plant breeder grows perhaps 100,000 plants of a certain variety. He then selects one or two and destroys the rest. If this method were applied to man, who would decide which pair should be chosen to perpetuate the race, while the rest were destroyed or sterilized?

Breeders of plants and animals try to exaggerate one character while ignoring the rest. Should men be selected for size, or brain, or morals? These characters are not necessarily associated. What is gained in one direction is lost in another.

It is unquestionably worth while to study heredity in man. At present, however, the "science of eugenics" is merely a prospectus of what may sometime become a science. The only thing so far determined about heredity in man is the basis for the inheritance of eye-color. This could hardly serve as foundation of a method for improving the human race. The utterly irresponsible claims of many writers as to the immediate practical applicability of the principles of heredity in breeding a superior race of men have naturally led to a flat denial of all these ridiculous assertions. As Dr. Woclruff says: "In every way it is viewed, any suggestion towards compelling the young to marry except as their instincts direct, is unnatural, unscientific and absurd."

It can not be too emphatically stated that absolutely nothing is known which could serve as a guide in breeding a superior race of man. Not a single example is known by which any hereditary character could be surmised in persons about to become parents. I once took the trouble to look up the parentage of 2000 of the world's famous artists, musicians and poets. In only one out of every five cases did the parents have any of the traits which made their children famous. When men like Bach, Chopin, Dvorak, Flotow, Handel, Haydn, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Moskowski, Schubert, Tchaikovsky, Verdi, Wagner, Weber, Valsequez, Murillo, Goya, Blake, Burne-Jones, and Michelangelo are born of merchants, butchers, farmers, soldiers, doctors and valets, and of farmers' daughters, chamber maids and women of no special bent—who shall say what butcher and what chamber maid shall be chosen as prospective eugenic parents of a future great artist or musician? Statistics were recently collected on 10,000 children, about one-half of whom were from parents who were drunkards or moderate consumers of alcohol, while the rest were from parents who were total abstainers. The children of drinkers and drunkards made a little better showing physically and mentally than those from abstaining parents. This does not by any means show that the use of alcohol by parents tends to improve the quality of their children. It merely



Dr. E. V. Wilcox

proves that the tendency to drink and the effects of alcohol are not inherited. Recent prison statistics show that very few criminals are born of criminal parents, but that the vast majority of criminals come from moral, non-criminal parents. These and other statistics along similar lines indicate that nothing is known about heredity in human beings. How, then, can any one talk at present of the practical application to man of the principles of plant breeding? We step out of the domain of theory and look at real life, we see athletes from weakling parents, weaklings from athletic parents, poets from farmers, farmers from poets, preachers from criminals, criminals from preachers. There is no explanation for these facts. In other words, there is no science of eugenics.

It is sometimes naively advocated that society should no longer waste any effort in helping inferior beings, but should disregard them altogether in favor of the superior type. Who is society, who inferior, who superior? Perhaps no two persons would agree in their answers to these questions. If the problem is to improve the human race through the power of heredity, we neither know what we want nor how to accomplish it. Eugenics is a modern form of the old story of hunting the "snark." No one can say that the "snark" is not after all a "boofum."

The terms "inferior" and "superior" as applied to man are dangerous boomerangs to use. Some of the most rabid champions of the "superman" were hopeless neurotics who ended their days in insane asylums. The so-called upper classes are, in a eugenic sense, an degenerate as the dregs at the bottom of the human cauldron. The long centuries of history have taught that human society is renewed and rejuvenated from the bottom, not from the top. What stock-judge is wise enough to pick out the right breeding stock for a future superman?

Successful daylight messages were sent yesterday by the Federal Wireless Company to San Francisco. Engineers here for the company engaged in putting in a new plant, are highly pleased with the success of the experiments yesterday and feel that before long it will be possible for regular messages to be dispatched during the day.

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Y. M. C. A. NEWS

The dormitories at the association are filled and there is a large waiting list.

The winter term of the night school opened Monday and all classes now are busily at work.

The association is now holding 25 religious meetings and Bible classes each week. A big schedule.

The cafeteria trade is booming. January promises to establish a new record for daily attendance.

The Japanese Y. M. C. A. free information bureau, recently established on pier 7, is making a hit with the tourists.

By vigorous work, the association closed 1913 with \$17.01 on the books. Every effort is being made to keep from running behind.

The handball tournament is now in progress. Enough men have entered to add an element of uncertainty to make it interesting for the old-timers.

This has been a great winter for chess. The chess fiends are always on hand Friday evening and there is lots of interest shown in the ancient sport.

The Woman's Co-operative League of Manoa is anxious to have the association organize a club for boys in connection with its work in the upper Manoa neighborhood.

The Alexander Hamilton Institute Club will meet Friday evening in Cooke hall. There will be a discussion of partnerships and of the third and fourth problems.

The recently established boys' club at Kaimuki, run in connection with the Liliuokalani school, is now well organized and in successful operation. This club is in charge of Glenn E. Jackson, extension work secretary of the association.

The secretaries who are securing the membership renewals are very much pleased with the way the members are coming to the building and paying their dues. There are so many members to see this month that co-operation at this time is much appreciated.

Lloyd R. Killam, secretary of the religious work department, is planning some new Bible classes. The men who thus far have not gotten into one of the groups for the study of the Bible should see him. The Bible study enrollment January 1 was 245 men and boys.

The general secretary's report submitted to the board of directors Thursday is being very widely read. It presents an unusually graphic account of the association's activities during October, November and December, and shows the many features which the association is carrying on.

The members of the employed boys' department are showing keen interest in the road races now being conducted by the association. Boys to the number of 12 ran in the first trial and a number more will be seen in the other trials which precede the finals. These are great days for cross-country running.

A series of hikes for the boys' department has been planned for the coming two weeks. The members of the department went to Pearl Harbor in the Navajo today and next Saturday they will journey to Koko Head, where they will be the guests of N. H. Slaughter, resident engineer of the Marconi Wireless Company. The following Saturday they will take in Ewa mill as the guests of Manager Renton, and will have a big day at Schofield Barracks January 31.

FOREIGN.

The Brooklyn, N. Y., association opened recently its new residence, prepared to accommodate more than 200 girls.

The dormitory list at the Lahoe, India, Y. M. C. A. includes 27 Mohammedans, 21 Hindus, 10 Sikhs and three Christians.

At Poona, India, a preaching band of nine young men goes out every Saturday afternoon teaching classes of Moslem young men and the bazaar coolie boys.

In spite of the war, prolonged siege and perpetual distress, the Young Men's Christian Association at Chihuahua, Mexico, has had the best year in its history.

The Brahmin principal of the Hindu high school at Calcutta, India, has asked the secretary of the association there to teach the Scripture to 40 boys twice a week.

The men of Hongkong China, raised in 15 days \$23,000 (gold) for a lot in order to make available the offer of \$75,000 for a building from the White House \$2,000,000 Fund.

The street car department and tobacco factories of Seoul, Korea, furnish 163 working boys for the Y. M. C. A. free night school. The year's attendance at Bible classes totalled 33,296.

Manila has qualified for the gift of 230,000 pesos from America, by the collection and banking of 80,000 pesos in the city, for its buildings for Filipino students, now in the course of construction.

Chinese scholars teaching English

In a Y. M. C. A. in Japan as they are in work among Chinese students, may be a bit confusing linguistically, but is vivid evidence of the international character of the work.

President Woodrow Wilson. Yuan Shih-Kai, John Wanamaker and R. R. Gailey were the headlines in the recent dedication of the Y. M. C. A. building at Peking, China. The electric current which was released by President Yuan Shih Kai unfolded large pictures of President Wilson, and Mr. Wanamaker with American and Chinese flags attached. The turning on of the lights revealed in front of the building a life size painting of President Yuan Shih-Kai.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The annual meeting of the association will be held Thursday, January 29.

The association closed the year with a paid-up membership of 760. The membership was but 200 a year ago.

The meeting of the board of directors will be held Tuesday morning, January 13, beginning at 9 o'clock.

A meeting of the Shakespeare class has been called for Monday evening at the Homestead, and will commence at 7:30 o'clock.

The stated dinner in connection with the annual meeting will be an event of unusual interest to all women. It will be held in Central Union church.

The doughnut lesson of the domestic science classes was one of the most popular of the term. The director provided coffee to serve with the doughnuts.

The birthday parties which are held at the Homestead each month will be resumed this month. The Thanksgiving and Christmas festivities rather interfered with other social affairs during the fall.

In order to accommodate others wishing to join the English class, the hour of meeting has been changed from 7:15 to 7 o'clock for the advanced class, and to 8 o'clock for the beginning class. The classes will continue to meet Tuesdays.

The domestic science classes will study meats at the Monday and Tuesday classes next week. The girls are all so enthusiastic over the work that both classes will continue during the spring term, and if a new one is organized, it will have to be set for some other night. Any who wish to enter a new class should notify Miss Estelle Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gladding of New York City were guests at the Y. W. C. A. Homestead Wednesday evening. Mrs. Gladding has been connected with the work of the national association for the past several years and visited a number of associations during her recent trip around the world. Mrs. Gladding will speak at the meeting of the board of directors Tuesday.

LAHAINA CHAUFFEUR MEETS DEATH IN AUTO ACCIDENT SATURDAY

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

WAILUKU, Maui, Jan. 10.—On Saturday a week ago Sweeney Ahin, the popular young chauffeur of Manager Weinsheimer of the Pioneer mill of Lahaina met his death in an automobile accident. He was considered a careful driver and was thoroughly trusted. The accident occurred about 11 o'clock in the morning on the main Lahaina road near the residence of Dr. Burt. Various causes are assigned for the unfortunate affair. It is believed that the road was slippery, as that stretch of road often is, and that Sweeney was driving fast. He is said to have turned for a second's glance behind. Others say that the steering gear suddenly went out of commission. Just what happened no one really knows. The coroner's jury reported death by accident.

The deceased leaves a widow and two children. He was a member of the Maui order of Moose and many of his fraternity brothers turned out to the funeral, which was held at 3 o'clock last Sunday afternoon.

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